GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOUSING AND URBAN POVERTY ALLEVIATION
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:4257
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ERADICATION OF MANUAL SCAVENGING
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Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether a number of States have not so far adopted the Employment of Manual Scavengers and Construction of Dry Latrines (Prohibition) Act, 1993;

(b) if so, the details thereof alongwith the reasons therefor;

(c) the funds allocated to various States during 2005-06 and 2006-07 for setting up of dry latrines and for eradication of manual scavenging;

(d) the details of progress achieved in various States during the said period; and

(e) the steps taken for eradication of manual scavenging?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOUSING & URBAN POVERTY ALLEVIATION (KUMARI SELJA)

(a)&(b): Twenty States have adopted the `Employment of Manual Scavengers and Construction of Dry Latrines (Prohibition) Act, 1993`. Eight States Arunachal Pradesh, Manipur, Mizoram, Nagaland, Rajasthan, Himachal Pradesh, Jammu & Kashmir and Sikkim have not adopted this Act.

However, five States Arunachal Pradesh, Manipur, Mizoram, Nagaland and Sikkim have reported that there are no dry latrines and are scavenger free. Two States Rajasthan and Himachal Pradesh have enacted their own Act.

(c): During the years 2005-06 and 2006-07 central-subsidy of Rs.2 crore and Rs.27 crore were released respectively to the states under Integrated Low Cost Sanitation Scheme for conversion of dry latrines and construction of new individual units in the urban areas of the country.

(d): As per Annexure.

(e):-

i) This Ministry is implementing the `Employment of Manual Scavengers and Construction of Dry Latrines (Prohibition) Act 1993` which prohibits dry latrines and manual scavenging.

ii) It is also implementing Integrated Low Cost Sanitation Scheme which envisages conversion of dry latrines into water flush latrines in the urban areas of the country.

iii) Min. of Social Justice & Empowerment has launched a new scheme Self Employment Scheme for Rehabilitation of Manual Scavengers.

ANNEXURE-I

ANNEXURE REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.4257 FOR 4.5.2007.

Sl. No.	Name of the State	No. Units completed (Construction + Conversion)	
		2005-2006	2006-2007

1. Andhra Pradesh - 21586

2. Assam - 60

3. Maharashtra 7254 -

4. Madhya Pradesh 8699 -

5. Manipur 581 1246

6. Rajasthan 118563 3067

7. Tripura 5776 -

8. Uttar Pradesh 37749 -

9. West Bengal - 15729

10. Chhatisgarh 9430 9981

11. Karnataka - 184